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Magnetic Particles, Nonfluorescent
Wet Method, Dry Powder

RATIONALE

AMS3042E has been reaffirmed to comply with the SAE five year review policy.

1. SCOPE

1.1 Form

This specification covers nonfluorescent, magnetic particles in the form of dry powders intended to be suspended in oil or conditioned water vehicle for use in the wet method, magnetic particle inspection.

1.2 Application

These particles have been used typically as the inspection medium in a wet magnetic particle inspection system in accordance with ASTM E 1444, using either an oil or a conditioned water vehicle, but usage is not limited to such application.

1.3 Safety - Hazardous Materials

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2. APPLICABLE DOCUMENTS

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AMS2641	Vehicle, Magnetic Particle Inspection, Petroleum Base
AS4792	Water Conditioning Agents for Aqueous Magnetic Particle Inspection
AS5282	Tool Steel Ring for Magnetic Particle Inspection

2.2 ASTM Publications

Available from ASTM International, 100 Barr Harbor Drive, P.O. Box C700, West Conshohocken, PA 19428-2959, Tel: 610-832-9585, www.astm.org.

ASTM D 1966	Test Method for Foots in Raw Linseed Oil
ASTM E 11	Wire-Cloth Sieves for Testing Purposes
ASTM E 1444	Magnetic Particle Examination

3. TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS

3.1 Material

The product shall be composed of durable magnetic particles, suitable for long-time use, which may have been treated to attain the color specified. This dry powder is designed for use with an aqueous vehicle conditioned in accordance with AS4792 or an odorless inspection oil conforming to AMS2641, or equivalent, and shall disperse evenly and thoroughly in the recommended vehicle.

3.2 Test Suspension

The test suspension for determining conformance to requirements of 3.3 shall be prepared by adding sufficient dry powder solids to conditioned water or odorless inspection oil, to produce a suspension concentration of 1.0 to 2.4 mL of magnetic particles in 100 mL of suspension. The concentration shall be verified by mixing the suspension thoroughly, filling a 100-mL calibrated centrifuge tube as specified in ASTM D 1966, allowing the tube to stand undisturbed for at least 60 minutes, and reading, on the calibrated tube, the volume of the particles settled from the suspension.

3.3 Properties

The product shall conform to the following requirements; tests shall be performed on the product supplied and in accordance with specified test procedures, using a test suspension prepared in accordance with 3.2:

3.3.1 Contamination

The product shall show no evidence of foreign material, agglomeration, or scum, determined by visual examination of the test suspension at the following times:

3.3.1.1 During preparation of the test suspension as in 3.2.

3.3.1.2 After mixing the test suspension, allowing it to stand for not less than 30 minutes, and agitating it slightly.

3.3.1.3 During the tests to determine other characteristics of the product.

3.3.2 Color

The color of the magnetic particles in suspension shall be black, red, gray, or as otherwise specified by purchaser, determined by observing a well-dispersed sample of the test suspension in a glass container under a white light of not less than 100 foot-candles (1000 lx) at the examining surface.

3.3.3 Particle Size

The magnetic particles shall be of such size that not less than 98% by weight shall pass through a 3-inch (76-mm) diameter U.S. Standard No. 325 (45 μm) sieve, as defined in ASTM E 11, determined by passing a 1-quart (1-L) sample of stirred test suspension through the sieve. After the test suspension liquid carrier has completely passed through the sieve, rinse with 1 quart (1 L) of the original liquid carrier. Dry the sieve to remove all of the liquid and determine the dry weight of the residual particulate material not passing through the sieve as related to the original weight of the particulate material in the sample, reported in percent.

3.3.4 Sensitivity

The product shall provide indications of at least the first six holes of the test ring specimen of 4.4 when tested as follows:

3.3.4.1 Place the ring on a 1-inch (25-mm) diameter copper bar and circularly magnetize in a standard magnetic particle inspection unit by passing 2500 amperes of direct current through the bar immediately before flushing the ring with the agitated test suspension that has passed the concentration and contamination tests. Examine the ring under a white light of not less than 100 foot-candles (1000 lx) at the examining surface.

3.3.5 Mechanical Durability

Magnetic particles shall retain their initial sensitivity, color, and brightness of indication after placing not less than 400 mL of thoroughly mixed suspension, prepared as in 3.2, in a 1-quart (1-L) capacity constant speed blender, operating the blender at approximately 10,000 to 12,000 rpm for a total of 10 minutes in 2-minute intervals, allowing the suspension to cool for 5 minutes during each period between stirring cycles and, at the end of the cumulative 10 minutes blending, conducting the sensitivity (3.3.4) tests.

3.3.6 Chemical Durability

Magnetic particles shall retain their initial color (3.3.2) and sensitivity (3.3.4) after allowing a 1.5-quart (1.4-L) volume of freshly prepared, thoroughly mixed suspension to stand undisturbed at room temperature for not less than 14 days. After standing, the suspension shall be stirred and shall meet the requirements of 3.3.2 and 3.3.4.

4. QUALITY ASSURANCE PROVISIONS

4.1 Responsibility for Inspection

The manufacturer of the product shall supply all samples for manufacturer's tests and shall be responsible for the performance of all required tests. Purchaser reserves the right to sample and to perform any confirmatory testing deemed necessary to ensure that the product conforms to specified requirements.

4.2 Classification of Tests

4.2.1 Acceptance Tests

Contamination (3.3.1), color (3.3.2), particle size (3.3.3), and sensitivity (3.3.4) are acceptance tests and shall be performed on each lot.

4.2.2 Periodic Tests

Mechanical durability (3.3.5) and chemical durability (3.3.6) are periodic tests and shall be performed at a frequency selected by the manufacturer unless frequency of testing is specified by purchaser.

4.2.3 Preproduction Tests

All technical requirements are preproduction tests and shall be performed prior to or on the initial shipment of a product to a purchaser, when a change in ingredients and/or processing requires reapproval as in 4.4.2, and when purchaser deems confirmatory testing to be required.

4.3 Sampling and Testing

Shall be as follows:

4.3.1 For Acceptance Tests

Sufficient product shall be taken at random from each lot to perform all required tests. The number of determinations for each requirement shall be as specified in the applicable test procedures or, if not specified, not less than three.

4.3.1.1 A lot shall be all product produced in a single production run from the same batch of raw materials under the same fixed conditions and presented for inspection at one time.

4.3.2 For Periodic and Preproduction Tests

As agreed upon by purchaser and manufacturer.

4.4 Tool Steel Test Ring

Shall be in accordance with AS5282.

4.5 Approval

4.5.1 Sample product shall be approved by purchaser before product for production use is supplied, unless such approval be waived by purchaser. Results of tests on production product shall be equivalent to those on the approved sample.

4.5.2 Manufacturer shall use ingredients, manufacturing procedures, processes, and methods of inspection on production product that are the same as those used on the approved sample. If necessary to make any changes in ingredients, processing techniques, or manufacturing procedures, manufacturer shall submit for reapproval a statement of the proposed changes in ingredients and/or processing and, when requested, sample product. Production product shall not be shipped prior to receipt of reapproval.

4.6 Reports

The vendor of the product shall furnish with each shipment a report stating that the product conforms to all technical requirements. This report shall include the purchase order number, lot number, AMS3042E, manufacturer's material designation, date of manufacture, and quantity.

4.7 Resampling and Retesting

If any sample used in the above tests fails to meet specified requirements, disposition of the product may be based on the results of testing three additional samples for each original nonconforming sample. Failure of any retest sample to meet specified requirements shall be cause for rejection of the product represented. Results of all tests shall be reported.